

THE CONVENTIONS.

The Biggest Republican Convention Ever Held in the County.

Gaines Votes Were Like the Sands By the Sea.

The Democrats met in the halls and county clerk rooms of the court-house having extended the courtesy of the auditorium to the Republicans. The Democrats had issued their call first but as they had little to do and the Republicans intended to make big medicine upstairs they cheerfully withdrew in favor of their Republican friends.

The Democrats unanimously endorsed Hon. L. M. McClintic for judge, he being a most excellent lawyer of a judicial turn of mind and having arrived at that stage in a lawyer's career when a place on the bench seems naturally to open for him. The delegates will attend the judicial convention at Montgomery on the 16th and on the 20th will journey the twenty odd miles farther to Charleston where they will aid in selecting delegates to St. Louis.

At this point it was suggested that we adjourn and go and see what our friends the enemy was doing upstairs.

We found Hon. Geo. P. Moore occupying the chair and Mayor R. A. Kramer as secretary.

The room was packed and jammed with Republicans and the Edwards men were apparently confident that they would carry the convention. We feel sure that Mr. Edwards' friends supposed themselves to be in the majority as they asked for the unit rule and did not time ask for their strength which it is claimed would be less than one vote of the eight that this county has.

Mr. Edwards was not very kindly treated by the audience who insisted on bawling "Gaines, Gaines!" and "No! No!" at him. Mr. Edwards is not an old man but his hair is white and he has a red face and rather pinched features. He was dressed in the height of style, with a long Prince Albert, and there was on his features a pleasant smile.

He tried to make his voice as loud and husky as a retired sea captain as he launched into his speech with the word, "BOYS!" The man could not help patronizing the free and independent citizens of Pocahontas County. "Dammed poor actor," murmured one stranger, and his companion replied: "He is no mixer."

On the whole Mr. Edwards' speech had a depressing effect. His is the oratory that brings on heavy fits of sleep.

We were reminded of the tale of the Irish undertaker, which is growsome but apt. A man had been drowned in the river and the body recovered after some days and his friends had ordered the undertaker, at whose establishment the remains lay, to furnish an expensive funeral. Preparations were made to this end, and when the friends came back to take a last look they found the dead man's mouth had fallen open exposing a gold tooth. As their loved man had no gold tooth it was evident that a mistake had been made. They countermanded the order for an expensive funeral, and after they had gone the undertaker said to the corpse, "Now if you had kept your mouth shut you would have had a decent funeral." We would say of Mr. Edwards that if he had kept his mouth shut he would have had a better funeral in this county.

When Mr. Edwards appeared we thought of all that had been said of his Mayflower ancestry; of the New England governors from which he is descended, and of his blue blood. We were irresistibly reminded of Uriah Hevener's famous bull: "All pedigree! Sir! and no bull!"

Mr. Gaines is too well known to our people to need description here. He is one of the brightest, cleanest and most lovable men in politics in West Virginia, and he has been made the subject of a vicious attack that must have wounded a man of his sensibility. His party men here, fortunately, read and consider, and it was to vindicate him that hundreds took the trouble to go to the county seat. He is a magnetic speaker and was well received. He is all that the word gentleman embraces.

This convention was held at a was laid over until Friday.

critical time in his campaign and the eight solid votes of this county were all that were needed to make him absolutely sure of his nomination. He would very likely have been nominated without this vote but this puts him on easy street.

Democrat and Republican applauded him alike.

When the vote was taken the Gaines votes were too numerous to be counted and the tellers gave it up. The Edwards votes were easily counted. Harvey Cromer said that the sight of Dennis Williams holding up his solitary hand in front of Edwards was one of most melancholy spectacles that he had ever witnessed.

The greatest good humor prevailed. H. S. Rucker was endorsed for judge, Wm. M. O. Dawson for governor and Arnold C. Scherr for auditor. The party did well in endorsing Mr. Dawson as he is one of the most intellectual men of his party. That he is thoroughly well hated by certain elements may not detract from his ability.

At the end of the convention Judge McWhorter, L. J. Williams, H. S. Rucker, J. R. Koozle and Judge Bennett spoke. Fair size, good humor and enthusiasm the convention of last Tuesday excelled all records.

Mrs. R. M. Beard, and children has returned from a weeks visit in The Levels.

Miss Alice Kramer of Ronceverte is visiting her brother, Mayo: Kramer, this week.

Little Hazel Patterson, three-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Patterson is very sick.

Died, at her home near Durbin, Sunday April 3, 1904, of consumption, Mrs. Sandy Barker, aged 22 years.

Another of the noble six hundred is dead. This is the 981st member of the six hundred who has died since 1877.—Ex.

Mrs. S. D. Waugh of Albion, Ind., who was here during the illness of her mother, the lately deceased Mrs. S. M. Gay, has returned to her Western home.

W. W. Arbogast and family passed Marlinton Wednesday, en route to Somerset county, Maryland, where he has purchased a farm.

Editors W. B. Blake, and son, of the West Virginia News, and T. H. Dennis of the Greenbrier Independent, were in town this week.

John D. Gay, road superintendent Edray District, was among our court day visitors, and added the name of J. H. Innes, of Albion, Ind., to our list for another year.

Married April 6, 1904, at the residence of Wm. E. Sharp, Marlinton W. Va., at 7 p. m., John Watson Dille and Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Sharp, Wm. T. Price officiating minister.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Beverage and family have returned from the state of Washington, whither they went six months ago. They were much dissatisfied with the county and climate.

The lawyers from a distance attendant upon Court were John W. Stephenson and Wm. M. McAlister, Warm Springs, Col. R. S. Turk, Staunton; Judge Forrest Moore, New York; Henry Gilmer and J. Scott McWhorter, Lewisburg; E. D. Talbot, Elkins.

Rev. J. D. Pope has been returned to the Marlinton charge, to the gratification of his congregation and many friends. Rev. Charles Lynch is again in charge of the Levelton Circuit. He as well has made many friends during his term of service here and we welcome him back.

Circuit court is in session this week, with a small crowd in attendance. An immense number of people were here the first day, which was given over wholly to politics. The case of the negro A. C. Fleming, charged with an attempt to rape, was set today (Thursday) an indictment against him having been returned by the jury on Wednesday, but

Negro Arrested.

Last Sunday morning J. L. Alkins, sergeant of Huttonsville and Eugene Hutton passed through Marlinton having in custody Robert Bowles, a negro who was wanted at Clifton Forge for murder.

The negro was arrested at Huttonsville last Saturday. There was a reward of \$300 on his head.

The crime for which he was wanted was the shooting of John Ruff a fireman of the C. & O. at Clifton Forge. The negro was employed on the yard at that place and gave some order about switching on the yard. The fireman considered that the negro was becoming dictatorial and became offended. He jumped down from the engine and struck the negro. Bowles pulled the over ready pistol and shot and killed Ruff.

The negro seemed to fear mob law more than the courts as he journeyed back to face his terrible crime.

Bowles went to Virginia without a requisition probably not knowing he had the right to a few days delay.

Resolutions of Respect.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Almighty Ruler of the Universe in His infinite wisdom to remove from our midst our beloved brother, Harry R. Echols, therefore be it.

RESOLVED, That while we feel his loss in the lodge and in the Order of Knights of Pythias, and deplore the early termination of the life so useful and upright, we bow in humble submission to the Most High Ruler of all our destinies.

RESOLVED, That to his stricken relatives and friends we extend our personal and fraternal sympathy in this, their darkest hour, and refer them to the Great Healer for the comfort He alone can give.

RESOLVED, That the charter of this lodge be draped in mourning for the period of thirty days as a mark of respect for our departed brother.

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our Lodge; that a copy be published in the Marlinton Messenger, Pocahontas Times and Greenbrier Independent, and a copy be presented to the bereaved family.

J. W. HILL
W. BLAKELY KING } Committee.
R. A. KRAMER

Landes-Scott.

At high noon Wednesday April 6th, 1904, a quiet and nicely arranged society event came off in the Library of Inframonte cottage West Marlinton, when Hess Landes and Miss Florence Pauline Scott, were united in marriage. Wm. T. Price, officiating minister.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reverdy Scott, near Academy, and has many friends. The groom is a son of Mr. A. Landes of the Lower Levels.

The parties were chaperoned by Mrs. Fountz Williams and introduced by Mr. Rosander Scott.

After the ceremony all took the afternoon train for their homes in the vicinity of Academy, where a reception awaited. Many are the kind wishes for these young people in their new life.

A. M. Tressel, with Black & Baird, real estate dealers of Pittsburgh, is here with a view of establishing a real estate business at Marlinton. He will occupy offices in the First National Bank building. Mr. Tressel recently sold the Gilmer land near Anthony, consisting of a tract of 10,000 acres, to Washington capitalist.

A young man working on a saw mill near Renick was dragged on a circular saw last Thursday and had his right hand cut off at the wrist. His coat then caught in the teeth of the saw and held his arm which was split to the shoulder. He was taken to the Hinton Hospital where an amputation was performed.

Word has been received here that G. W. Phares, well known in this county as a saw mill man, was dangerously if not fatally injured at his mill on the Coal & Iron, last Saturday, by the breaking of a circular saw, a fragment of the saw striking him near the eye, knocking out his teeth and smashing his jaw literally in pieces. He was taken to the Hospital at Elkins, where he remains in a very precarious condition.

Mass Convention.

The Democratic mass meeting was called to order and Dr. F. T. McClintic named as temporary chairman, and Dr. Norman R. Price as secretary. The temporary organization was made permanent and the purposes of the meeting stated by the chairman.

On motion it being suggested to the convention that L. M. McClintic a lawyer of the Pocahontas County Bar was a candidate for the office of Circuit Judge that he be allowed to select his own delegates to the Judicial Convention called to meet in Montgomery April 19, 1904, and that they be instructed to vote for him in said convention. The motion was carried and Mr. McClintic announced the following delegates:

Dr. C. L. Austin,
John Holland,
Samuel Sheets,
Andrew Price,
T. S. McNeil,
John Alexander.

E. I. Holt,
F. R. Hill,
F. T. McClintic,
Wm. H. Grose.

On motion of Hon. E. I. Holt the same delegates and L. M. McClintic were appointed delegates to the State delegate convention and Congressional Delegate Convention called to meet at Charleston April 20, 1904.

On motion adjourned.
F. T. McClintic,
Chairman.
Norman R. Price, Secretary.

Dunmore.

Most everybody is off to court this week.

One day last week 30 wagon loads of fertilizer, 10 loads of loads of lumber, 3 loads of goods, 3 buggies and the mail crossed the River at Forrest, and then there is a bridge wanted at Clover Lick, that many wagons will not cross there in twelve months.

The worst piece of road in the U. S. is between Hevener's cattle scales and John Townsends'. The mud holes is from 8 to 16 feet wide and 40 feet deep; you can see all kinds of gum boots sticking out where men have gone down head-foremost.

Quite a bit of plowing has been done.

C. H. Bush has moved to the Hina House.

The Annals have moved to Clover Lick.

Mr. H. N. Hapnash has put in a nice post office cabinets in the post office at Arbogast.

Auctioneer Swecker made three successful sales last week. Every thing sold well.

John R. Hevener tapped his apple trees for sugar trees—its a girl.

Miss Nannie Warwick is on the sick list. Also J. A. Sheets and Paul Gladwell.

Mr. Uriah Hevener attended court, also J. O. Hall of Crab-bottom.

A. M. Oliver of Durbin is a candidate for justice of the peace. Mr. Oliver will make a good one.

The post office at Green Bank will be moved this week to Geo. Cowgers store.

Our roads need something badly.

Auctioneer Swecker will sell Uncle Billie Collin's personal effects soon.

Rev. D. M. Brown comes to Greenbank. Bro. McNeil goes to Union, Monroe.

Miss Sallie Dille has gone to Greenbrier to stay.

Strange to say that Easter comes this year on Sunday.

The road between Dunmore and Frost is getting a servendable good working.

W. W. Arbogast and family left Wednesday for their new home in Maryland.

Auctioneer Swecker will close out the balance of Dr. Austin's goods at Greenbank, May 21st.

Miss Elsie Ralston.

Miss Elsie Ralston died at her home on Back Creek, on March 26th, in the 21st year of her age. She was a bright intelligent young person loved by all who knew her. Her short but beautiful life gives us the assurance that all is well. A mother and two brothers to mourn their loss.

She was laid to rest in the Green Hill cemetery, where a very large assemblage of mourning friends were present to pay their lost tribute of respect.

Appointments.

Appointments for Lewisburg District M. E. Church South, Geo. T. Tyler, presiding elder; Lewisburg, R. L. Feltz.

Frankford, L. B. Atkins, E. Farbee.
Blue Sulphur, H. C. Febrey.
Hinton, L. L. Lloyd,
Talcott, H. Lawson.
Greenville, R. H. Wilson.
Petersburg, W. F. Lawrence.
Alderson, J. M. York.
Union, J. W. McNeil.
Ronceverte, Wm. Stephens.
White Sulphur, R. M. Wheeler.
Alvon, C. B. Lefew.
Alleghany, A. C. McNeer.
Covington, J. R. VanHornes.
Clifton Forge, W. H. Sanders.
Bath, J. B. Hedrick.
Millboro Mission, A. Vandiver.
Levelton, Charles Lynch.
Hautersville, J. D. Pope.
Greenbank, D. M. Brown, L. E. Lawrence.
Hot Springs, J. F. Valiant.

Preaching Announcements.

3rd Sunday—Huntersville, 11 a. m.; Bethel, 3 p. m.; Mt. Vernon 7 p. m.

4th Sunday—Marlinton, 11 a. m., and 7:30 p. m.; Mt. Pleasant, 3 p. m.

J. D. Pope.

Sacramental Services.

Sacramental services at the Marlinton Presbyterian church last Sabbath were well attended and quite impressive under the direction of Pastor Nickell, aided by the ex-pastor, W. T. Price. There was one accession by letter. The reports for Presbytery make an encouraging exhibit of the congregational work for the past year.

The results attained by the Ladies Aid Society, are specially commendable for the diligence and efficiency of the membership.

Edray.

We are having quite an Easter Storm but hope it will not last long.

Rev. G. S. Weiford preached a very interesting sermon here Sunday.

Mrs. J. W. Warwick who has been very sick is better at this writing.

We were sorry to part with Mr. and Mrs. Crabtree, they have been on the circuit three years and have accomplished much good.

Mrs. Ida Moore and brother-in-law, Lanty Moore were visiting friends in Edray Saturday and Sunday.

Sunday School will be organized the third Sunday in April.

Farm for Sale.

I have a farm for sale of 123 acres at head of Renick's Valley, Greenbrier county, convenient to church, post office and schools, good water, good fruit of all kinds. For further information call on or address,

F. C. WOODRILL,
Renicks Valley.

Natural Soap.

German papers report that steps are being taken in Algeria to manufacture natural soap on a large scale from a tree known as "Sapindus uilika." This plant, which has long been known in Japan, China and India, bears a fruit of about the size of a horse chestnut, smooth and round. The color varies from a yellowish green to brown. The inner part is of a dark color and has an oily kernel. The tree bears fruit in its sixth year and yields from 55 to 200 pounds of fruit, which can easily be harvested in the fall. By boiling water of alcohol these saponaceous ingredients of the fruit is extracted. The cost of production is said to be small and the soap, on account of possessing no alkaline qualities, is superior to the ordinary soap of commerce.

Pigeons as Snugglers.

A curious utilization of carrier pigeons was recently attempted in Belgium. This was making them carry contraband goods into France. For a short time 24 pigeons were let off regularly from the Belgian dovecot, each burdened with a small coil of tobacco. They arrived at their French destination rather exhausted, and doubtless glad to be relieved of their load. In one case, however, a pigeon, in making the flight, proved unequal to the effort, fell into the Seine and was picked up. The system was thus found out and suppressed.

Horses Wanted.

We desire to buy Horses, immediately, for heavy hauling and work in the woods.

GREENBRIER POLE CO.,
RONCEVERTE, W. VA.

NEW GOODS

ARRIVING DAILY.

I have just returned from the EASTERN MARKETS.

When you come to court call and examine my goods and compare MY PRICES.

PAUL GOLDEN.

FURNITURE! FURNITURE!! HOUSE FURNISHING GOODS.

We beg to announce to our friends and the public that we will very soon open up a large line of the above goods, in connection with our present business. We already have the assurance of the staunch support of our old customers and for the benefit of all we would say that we shall pursue the same policy as we have pursued in the hardware business, buy in large quantities from the best factories and give our customers the benefit.

Mr. Z. S. Smith of Warm Springs, Va., will be associated with us in this business and will call to see you see you soon. Do not place your order for Furniture, Matting, Etc., until you see our line or until our salesman calls on you.

Thanking everybody for their liberal business in the past, and your kindly consideration in our new enterprise

We Are Very Truly,

C. J. Richardson.

To Cure a Cold in One Day
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets.
Cures Croup in Two Days.
on every box 25c.
This signature, E. W. Brown